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The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re:

United States v. Claudia Isabel Mercado Scalzo and Tatiana Andrea Vargas

Bulla, 21 Cr. 359 (LAK)

<u>United States</u> v. <u>Claudia Isabel Mercado Scalzo</u>, S2 21 Cr. 359 (LAK) <u>United States</u> v. <u>Tatiana Andrea Vargas Bulla</u>, S3 21 Cr. 359 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

Defendants Claudia Isabel Mercado Scalzo and Tatiana Andrea Vargas Bulla are charged in the original and the S2 and S3 superseding indictments in this case. Those indictments were filed under seal. On Friday, April 14, 2023, Mercado Scalzo and Vargas Bulla were presented and arraigned on the S2 and S3 superseding indictments following their extraditions from Colombia. Because the defendants have been presented before the Court, the Government respectfully requests that the original indictment and the S2 and S3 superseding indictments be unsealed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Granted.

SO ORDERED

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